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1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING PUBLICLY ON THE KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL. WE BELIEVE THIS POSTURE WILL BEST SERVE BOTH KIM'S AND OUR INTERESTS. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE BELIEVE SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO LETTERS EMBASSY BELIEVES MUST BE ANSWERED.

2. QUOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF (DATE) IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE SEVERE SENTENCE GIVEN TO KIM DAE JUNG BY A MILITARY COURT MARTIAL. WE FULLY SHARE

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YOUR CONCERNS AND HAVE FORCEFULLY AND AT AUTHORITATIVE LEVELS MADE OUR VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS KNOWN TO THE KOREAN LEADERSHIP. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE LEADERSHIP IS FULLY AWARE OF OUR FEELINGS AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THESE MATTERS.

- AGAIN, LET ME THANK YOU FOR YOUR VIEWS. END QUOTE.

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